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Bankers and Alternatives

Across—1 Easy 4 Scrapes 8 Wicket 9 Era 10 Arc 12 Mope 14 Ears 17 Stare Scare 20 Formal, Normal 21 Spy 23 Gaudy 25 Task, Talk 27 Sleep, Sheep 28 Foe, Fog, Fox 29 Slow, Blow 31 Toady, Shady 33 Wife, Wase, Wide 34 Lack. Lock 35 All, Ill 36 Sin.

Down—1 Ewe 2 Airy 3 Scar 4 Streaw 5 Arms, Aims 6 Pro 7 Seek, Seem 11 Carat 13 Part, Port 15 Relasw 16 Dog Hog, Log 17 Soda 18 Try, Cry 19 Askew 22 Yap 24 Ado 26 Old 28 Fool, Foil' Foul, Fell 29 Sap, Sad, Bad, Ban, Gay 30 Qywl 32 Van, Fan, Ban, Man.

.... Clues Across ....

20. This kind of manner often helps to calm an agitated mind (—ormal)

Words—Normal, Formal

When a person's mind is violently disturbed 'Normal' manner of others will usually help to quieten his mind which is upset. But Formal or conventional manner 'often' helps him to calm down. The word 'often' clearly points to 'Formal'.

We select 'Formal'

25. Severe one is often given as a corrective to errant youngster (Ta—k)

Words—Task, Talk.

The Clue refers to something which we 'often' give to a wandering youngster, with a view to correct him. Do we give him a 'severe talk or task'? Giving a severe talk does not sound well. Further, even if given, a severe talk will hardly produce the desired effect of mending a wandering youngster. The high frequency indicated by 'often' becomes incompatible with 'Talk' as the answer.

The correct method to be adopted to mend a roving youngster is to give him a severe 'Task' We can give him i.e., set him a severe task to check his roving.

'Task' is preferred.

27. Fear is apt to prevent this from coming to a person (S—eep)

Words—Sleep, sheep.

A sheep, being by nature a timid creature is sure to be afraid of coming to a person when it is overcome by fear. If we select 'sheep' as the answer we will be ignoring the expression 'apt to' in the clue.

The only sensible way of interpreting the clue seems to be that a person who is overcome by fear cannot get sleep. If the person is

extremely fatigued physically even fear cannot prevent his sleep. This justifies the introduction of 'apt to' in the clue.

We select Sleep.

28. Often causes one's vision to be distorted (Fo—)

Words—Fox, Foe, Fog, Fon, Fop, Fob.

The staggering array of words that fill up the blank need not frighten the competitors. Only three words— fox, foe & fog deserve consideration.

Does fog often bedim one's vision? In this connection we have to take 'vision' in its literal sense. The answer depends on the circumstances. If the fog is intense, it always blurs our vision, if not it does not. The pointer 'often' in the clue cannot be justified with Fog as the answer.

The simple fact that a person is our foe does not tell us anything about his mental calibre. Foes, we have of various kinds— intelligent, foolish, dull etc. So, the line of argument that a foe causes our view-point to become perverted cannot be approved.

A fox, a cunning person, by his subtle arguments and wily ways causes one's vision i.e. view point to become perverted His cunning methods do not always result in distorting one's vision. But they do so, often.

We prefer Fox.

31. Company of such a person is apt to make one feel acutely uncomfortable (—ady).

Words—Shady, Toady, Ready

The last word may be completely ignored. To keep company with a shady person need not make a person feel, acutely uncomfortable for a shady person may be genial and sociable. But to be observed in company with such a person really makes one acutely uncomfortable There is nothing in the clue suggesting this, But the company of a Toady, a mean hanger-on makes one feel acutely uncomfortable. Even this reaction varies from person to person. Hence the expression 'apt to' is introduced in the clue.

We select Toady.

33. Who is not this seldom has much understanding of men (Wi—e)

Words—Wise, Wide, Wife.

Who is it that has much understanding of men? Is it a woman who is a wife or a woman who is wise or a woman with wide knowledge?

The selection of 'wide' results in a very awkwarg readiny and does not sound well. We reject 'wide'. The choice lies between 'wise, and 'wife'. To hold the view that a woman who is a wife can have much knowledge about 'men' looks ridiculous. 'A woman' can possibly know all about her husband, only a 'man' and not men. But a woman whether a mother, sister or wife should be wise to have much understanding of men and any woman who is not this has seldom much understanding of men.

We select Wise

34. Conspicuous this of hair often causes person to be stared at (L—ck)

Words— Lack. Lock.

In these days when 'cropped-head' is becoming a fashion even among women our chances of meeting men with conspicious lock of hair are very scarce. If we select 'Lock as the answer we will be delimiting the application of the clue. Couspicuous lock of hair does not cause the reaction of staring. We may look at or admire a conspicuous lock of hair. It is lack of hair and that too a conspicious one, that causes us to stare at the person. We cannot always do so, but only often.

We bank on Lack.

35. How often do self-centred people fail to realise that '—' persons need sympathy and consideration (—ll)

Words— All, Ill.

Self-centred people are so extremely selfish as to concern themselves with nothing else but their own welfare. They feel that they are the only 'creatures' deserving of sympathy and

consideration and care very little to realise that ill persons need sympathy and consideration. The expression ' ill' person is ugly. Besides they more deserve sympathy and consideration than ' need ' them. The fact that all people require sympathy and consideration is not realised by self centred people.

' All ' is a banker.

Clues Down

5, History seems to show that a country's these ultimately decide its destiny. (A—ms)

Words— Arms, Aims

Aims, unless they are realisable, are utterly futile and ineffective, against arms which are more practical and effective. We cannot reconcile the word 'ultimately' with 'aims' as the answer. History seems to show that the arms of a country ultimately decide its destiny.

We select Arms.

7. People who this to succeed by dishonest means usually come a cropper (See—)

Words— Seem, Seek.

Persons who seem to succeed by dishonest ways are not such great sinners as those who seek to do so and hardly deserve the heavy penalty of ' coming a cropper '. It is only those who succeed by foul means that usually have a fall. The line of argument that ' usually ' understates the frequency, does not hold water, for, there may be some who do not fall despite their unfair ways.

We prefer Seek.

13- Good this is apt to be ruined if clumsily handled (P—rt)

Words— Part, Port.

In no sense of the word is ' port ' apt.

To be successful, a good part. i. e., a role should be specially well managed. If it is ill managed due to lack of histrionic talent or other reasons, it is aptito be a failure. We cannot assert that it will surely be a failure ; it is only apt to be so, for, much depends on the audience.

We prefer Part.

16. Often kept for a particular purpose (—og)

Words— Dog, Log, Hog, Bog, Cog, Fog, Nog, Sog, Tog.

Only the first three words deserve consideration. Hogs are usually, if not always, kept for slaughter. The pointer 'often' prevents us from selecting ' Hog ', for it makes an understatement.

In no sense of the word is Log apt.

The only possible answer is ' dog '. Dogs are kept by some owners as mere pets, others use it for purposes of hunting, and others for purposes of looking after the duties of a watchman. Thus, they are ' often ' kept for a particular purpose.

We select Dog.

28. Alas ! how simple it is for woman to this the average man (F — — L)

Words— Fool, Foil.

After careful consideration, we have selected the above two words only for discussion from a number of words, filling up the double-blank in the middle.

We think that any woman with all her wiles will not find it so simple to foil a man, though he is of the average type. It may be very simple for her to ' fool ' the average man. This situation really calls for pity. Hence, the word ' Alas ! ' is introduced in the clue.

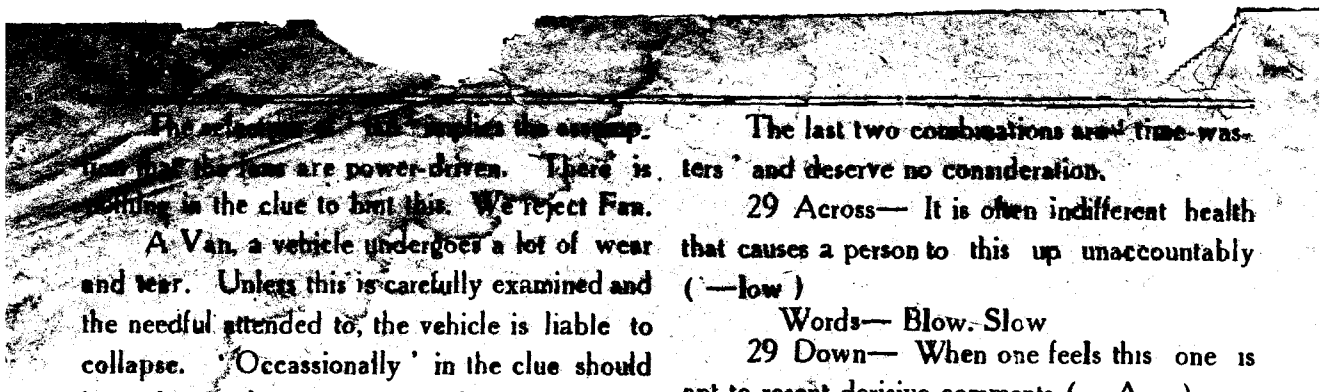
We select Fool.

32. Liable to break down unless occasionlly overhauled (— AN)

Words— Ban, Man, Fan, Van.

The word Ban may be omitted.

It would be an exaggeration to say that men are liable to collapse without occasional overhauling, i. e. examination, for it ts thoroughly untrue to life. We see ever so many who have not collapsed despite their indifference to health. Besides, the expression ' overhauling of man ' does not sound well.



The solution to this implies the exercise that the fans are power-driven. There is nothing in the clue to hint this. We reject Fan.

A Van, a vehicle undergoes a lot of wear and tear. Unless this is carefully examined and the needful attended to, the vehicle is liable to collapse. 'Occassionally' in the clue should he understood to mean, as need arises.

We prefer **Van.**

Interlockers—

17 Across	&	18 Down
Stare		Try
Scare		Cry

Across 17— Careless pedestrians often get nasty this from motorists. (S—are)

Words— Stare, Scare.

All pedestrians, whether careless or otherwise get scared by motorists. Careless people are not specially indifferent towards life as to allow the incident to occur so frequently as is expressed in the clue by the word 'often'. As they are careless, a nasty stare will have no effect on them and their indifference may often 'get them nasty stares'. They still continue to be as careless as ever.

We select Stare.

Down 18— We are apt to find it more difficult to do this as we grow older (—RY)

Words— Try, Cry.

It is ridiculous to suggest that our difficulty for crying increases with age. No one deliberately attempts to cry. So, 'cry' is quite inapt.

In our advanced years we hanker after doing certain, things but we will be incapacitated due to age. Our incapacity to Try increases with the advancement of years.

We select Try.

This fixes the combination 'Stare—Try'

29. Across & Down

Slow—Sap
Slow—Sad
Slow—Sag
Blow—Bad
Blow—Ban
Glow—Gay

The last two combinations are time-wasters and deserve no consideration.

29 Across— It is often indifferent health that causes a person to this up unaccountably (—low)

Words— Blow. Slow

29 Down— When one feels this one is apt to resent derisive comments (—A—)

Words— Sap, sad, bad, ban, gay.

The word 'unaccountably' in the clue is a clear pointer to 'blow'. It is good English to use 'blow up' i. e., to scold. The expression 'slow up' though correct, is not so common. Besides, we cannot understand why indifferent health— not ill-health —should cause a person to slow up and that too unaccountably and so frequently as 'often'

We select Blow.

The selection of Blow for the across clue automatically results in the choice of Bad for for the down clue. Surely when one feels bad, he is apt to resent derisive comments. Since the reaction of such comment differs from person to person the word 'apt' is introduced in the clue.

We select the combination 'Blow—Bad'.

Final Selections

for I. W. X-word No. 218

Across— 14 Form 20 Tone 22 Told 31 Spare 34 Dun 35 Stags.

Down— 1 Derided 3 Acts 4 Brawny 13 Sore 20 Togs 23 Needs 24 Good 25 Best.

Interlockers— Money—Mate
Live—Hi—Let

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